

Wednesday 9 December 2020

Business Bulletin

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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Budget Update

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Responding to Parliamentary Will and Calls for Clarity in Education

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Economy

followed by Ministerial Statement: Coronavirus Acts: Fourth Report to the Scottish Parliament

followed by Business Motions

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6:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-23117 Graham Simpson: Bus Service Cuts

Committee Meetings

9:30am Public Petitions Committee

9:30am Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

9:45am Local Government and Communities Committee

10:30am Education and Skills Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

- 1. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Climate Emergency Response Group's interim assessment of progress report, which was published in November 2020. ([S5O-04825](#))
- 2. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what the allocation formula will be for local authority funding for flood defences. ([S5O-04826](#))
- 3. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it is having with local government regarding flytipping during the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S5O-04827](#))
- 4. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its progress in meeting its target of achieving net-zero emissions of all greenhouse gases by 2045. ([S5O-04828](#))
- 5. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on whether it has met its climate change targets that were set during session 3 of the Parliament. ([S5O-04829](#))
- 6. Alasdair Allan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the devolution of Crown Estate revenues to coastal communities. ([S5O-04830](#))
- 7. Linda Fabiani:** To ask the Scottish Government what importance it places on local initiatives to reach environmental and emissions targets in the surrounding communities. ([S5O-04831](#))
- 8. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that recycling and food waste collection services suspended by local authorities due to the pandemic are resumed. ([S5O-04832](#))

Rural Economy and Tourism

- 1. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it is providing to the holiday accommodation sector regarding the relaxation of the COVID-19 restrictions over Christmas. ([S5O-04833](#))
- 2. Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review the financial support for businesses in the rural economy and tourism sector that are affected by COVID-19 restrictions. ([S5O-04834](#))
- 3. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it has provided for hotels during the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S5O-04835](#))
- 4. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to NFU Scotland's call for Less Favoured Area Support Scheme payments for 2020 to be fully reinstated to 2018 rates. ([S5O-04836](#))
- 5. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its importance to the tourist industry, what additional support it plans to provide to the hospitality sector. ([S5O-04837](#))
- 6. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what it considers the potential economic impact will be on rural and island economies of rewilding measures. ([S5O-04838](#))

7. Johann Lamont: To ask the Scottish Government how it will support the recovery of the tourism sector in Glasgow, in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S5O-04839](#))

8. Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government how it is preparing to facilitate tourism activity and events in Edinburgh over the course of 2021. ([S5O-04840](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Budget Update

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Responding to Parliamentary Will and Calls for Clarity in Education

[S5M-23629](#) Jamie Greene: Responding to Parliamentary Will and Calls for Clarity in Education—That the Parliament notes the outcome of the debate on motion S5M-23385 (Safe Schools) on 18 November 2020 and reasserts its support for this; expresses disappointment that the Scottish Government has not presented proposals in response to the motion; calls on it to deliver at least 2,000 additional full-time teachers to fill the vacancy shortfall and to bring forward proposals to provide free school lunches and breakfasts for all primary pupils, to take effect from the start of the next financial year, and further calls on it to make a decisive and final decision regarding the 2021 Higher exam diet and to provide further support, before the Christmas holidays, to teachers, headteachers and local authorities by providing comprehensive guidance on the processes of assessment, moderation and appeals of all Higher level and National 5 awards.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-23629.3](#) John Swinney: Responding to Parliamentary Will and Calls for Clarity in Education—As an amendment to motion S5M-23629 in the name of Jamie Greene (Responding to Parliamentary Will and Calls for Clarity in Education), leave out from "outcome" to end and insert "announcements that National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher exams will be replaced by alternative certification models, and acknowledges that measures to address teacher workload, including additional financial support, will be put in place for those teachers and lecturers helping enable the certification to take place."

[S5M-23629.2](#) Iain Gray: Responding to Parliamentary Will and Calls for Clarity in Education—As an amendment to motion S5M-23629 in the name of Jamie Greene (Responding to Parliamentary Will and Calls for Clarity in Education), insert at end ", and notes that the Scottish Government must also instruct the SQA to publish any moderation methodology that will be used in the grading of awards in 2021, in full and in advance of assessment."

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Economy

[S5M-23622](#) Maurice Golden: Economy—That the Parliament notes that too many businesses affected by the pandemic restrictions have been unable to access support grants; calls for the Scottish Government to undertake a rapid review into grant eligibility with a view to ensuring that businesses can access the support that they need over the winter; further calls on the Scottish Government to provide certainty for businesses next year by committing to extending the non-domestic rates poundage freeze and the rates relief for hospitality, leisure and retail businesses into 2021-22, and calls on it to establish a coronavirus business advisory council.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-23622.3](#) Jamie Hepburn: Economy—As an amendment to motion S5M-23622 in the name of Maurice Golden (Economy), leave out from "too many businesses" to end and insert "many businesses affected by the pandemic restrictions have been able to access Scottish Government support grants totalling more than £2.3 billion, including the Strategic Framework Business Fund, and welcomes the additional financial support that will be made available through the £15 million second phase of the Newly Self-employed Hardship Fund and the £30 million Local Authority Discretionary Fund; welcomes the use of Barnett consequentials to provide this support for businesses and jobs, alongside other forms of support from the UK Government such as the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme; recognises that the Scottish Government will continue to review and refine the COVID grant offer, within available resources, with a view to ensuring that businesses can access the support that they need over the winter and notes that the Cabinet Secretary for Finance will set out how additional funding will support businesses and their employees; welcomes the repayment of rates relief by supermarkets and calls for other businesses who can do so to follow this example and for this resource to be allocated to the devolved governments to enable the provision of further support for businesses and their workforces; understands the need for workers to be supported through the current period and commends the Coronavirus (COVID-19): fair work statement, which has been jointly endorsed by the Scottish Government, STUC, COSLA, SCVO, IoD Scotland and SCDI to employers; recognises that the Scottish Government will only be able to deliver the certainty sought by Scottish businesses in terms of extending rates relief for hospitality, leisure and retail businesses into 2021-22 with consequential funding from an equivalent investment by the UK Government due to the lack of fiscal powers and flexibilities devolved to the Scottish Parliament, and endorses the Finance and Constitution Committee's unanimously-agreed pre-budget scrutiny report, which recommends that the Treasury should consider providing the devolved governments with greater access to borrowing in emergency situations, such as the current crisis, to allow them to tailor their own spend and policy response to the pandemic and economic recovery."

[S5M-23622.2](#) Alex Rowley: Economy—As an amendment to motion S5M-23622 in the name of Maurice Golden (Economy), leave out from ", and calls on" to end and insert "; welcomes the repayment to date of business rates relief from larger retailers that have seen an increase in their sales over the course of the pandemic and calls on the Scottish Government to encourage these practices from other retailers that have not required the same level of rates relief as other businesses; recognises that, for the economy to recover effectively from this crisis, the Scottish Government must invest money back into small businesses, hospitality and town centres and prioritise the regeneration of the high street, and calls on it to establish a coronavirus business advisory council and produce an industrial strategy to ensure businesses are adequately supported."

followed by Ministerial Statement: Coronavirus Acts: Fourth Report to the Scottish Parliament

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-23638](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 15 December 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: Managing Scotland's Fisheries in the Future

followed by Stage 1 debate: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 16 December 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 17 December 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

followed by Ministerial Statement: Supporting EU, EEA and Swiss Citizens to Stay in Scotland

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 22 December 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 23 December 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

followed by Stage 3: Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.35 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 14 December 2020, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

[S5M-23639](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 5 February 2021.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-23640](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/389) be approved.

[S5M-23641](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/392) be approved.

[S5M-23642](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Civil and Family Justice (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-23643](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Meeting Times—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a

meeting of the Parliament from 3.00pm to 4.00pm on Tuesday 15 December 2020 for the purpose of taking evidence from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, in relation to the future relationship negotiations between the European Union and the UK Government.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

6:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-23117 Graham Simpson: Bus Service Cuts

[S5M-23117](#) Graham Simpson: Bus Service Cuts—That the Parliament is concerned that hundreds of bus services in Scotland have been cut since March 2020; notes the support given to bus companies by the Scottish Government during the COVID-19 pandemic, but considers that, despite this, many parts of the country, including the Central Scotland region, have been left without an adequate service, and acknowledges that the Scottish Government has yet to commence Part 3 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 to allow local authorities to bring forward proposals for the provision of bus services in their area.

Committee Meetings

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified.

Public Petitions Committee 21st Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in a virtual meeting and will be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 - PE1545: Residential care provision for the severely learning disabled;
 - PE1769: Higher Education in Scotland;
 - PE1770: Improving Water Safety;
 - PE1789: Learning difficulties and disability qualifications;
 - PE1807: Compensation for paying university students;
 - PE1813: Reform the national curriculum to include all African Scottish history;
 - PE1814: Compulsory education of Black, Asian, and minority ethnic history in Scottish schools;
 - PE1820: Compulsory bereavement education in schools; and
 - PE1822: More NHS money for hospital beds.
2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
 - PE1830: Protect Scotland's war memorials;
 - PE1833: Raise awareness for dyscalculia;
 - PE1834: Urgent funding for Citizens Advice Bureaux;
 - PE1835: Criminalise the submission of misleading or false information in child protection cases; and
 - PE1836: Expand the remit of the Care Inspectorate to investigate individual child protection complaints.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 33rd Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Island Communities Impact Assessments (Publication and Review of Decisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] from—
 - Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands, Erica Clarkson, Head of Islands and Rural Communities, Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy, Paul Maxton, Islands Community Impact Assessments, Lead Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy, and Jill Turnbull, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Paul Wheelhouse (Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands) to move—
 - Motion S5M-23257—That the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee recommends that the Island Communities Impact Assessments (Publication and Review of Decisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider whether the following instrument has been laid under the appropriate procedure—

- The Fisheries (Technical Conservation Measures) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative and laid only instruments—
The Common Agricultural Policy (Simplifications and Improvements) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020.

The Fisheries (Technical Conservation Measures) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020.

- The Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2020.
5. **Women in Agriculture:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Sarah-Jane Laing, Chief Executive, Scottish Land & Estates;
Professor Sally Shortall, Duke of Northumberland Chair of Rural Economy, Newcastle University;
Anne Rae MacDonald, Partner of an arable farming business in Easter Ross and Director of Highland Business Services Co-operative.

6. **Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Local Government and Communities Committee 32nd Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in virtual meeting

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Community Wellbeing – Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, parts 3 and 5:** The Committee will take evidence from-

John Mair, Director of Estate Development, Forestry and Land Scotland;
Lesley Forsyth, Senior Manager, North Ayrshire Council;
Elisabeth Manson, Community Planning and Engagement Manager, Dumfries and Galloway Council.

3. **European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Andy Wightman, Member in charge of the Bill, Scottish Green Party;
Neil Ross, Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor to the Scottish Parliament, Andrew Mylne, Head of Non-Government Bills Unit, and Vanda Knowles, Senior Assistant Clerk, SPCB.
4. **Community Wellbeing – Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, parts 3 and 5:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Education and Skills Committee

31st Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in a virtual meeting.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Oliver Mundell MSP will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 and 6 in private.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument- SSI 2020/376: The Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fees) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020
4. **Funded Childcare:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Children and Young People, Alison Cumming, Interim Director for Early Learning and Childcare, and Simon Mair, Head of Delivery Assurance, Scottish Government.

5. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 2 December 2020

Thursday 10 December 2020

12:20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12:20 pm First Minister's Questions

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

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Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

<https://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm>

COVID-19 Committee

10 December 2020

24th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in a virtual meeting and broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Declaration of interests:** John Mason will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Covid-19: The social and economic impact of restrictions over winter:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Gordon Dewar, Chief Executive, Edinburgh Airport;
 - Robbie Drummond, Managing Director, CalMac Ferries Ltd;
 - Alex Hynes, Managing Director, Scotland's Railway;
 - Alastair Wilson, Director, Wilson's of Rhu Ltd.
3. **Ministerial statement: Covid-19; and Subordinate legislation** The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs, and Professor Jason Leitch, National Clinical Director, Scottish Government.

Proposed future business

For further information, please contact Sigrid Robinson, the Clerk to the Committee:

covid.committee@parliament.scot.

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

10 December 2020

31st Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in a virtual meeting and will be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Declaration of interests:** Christine Grahame will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Immigration:** The Committee will take evidence from-
 - Kevin Foster, Minister for Public Borders and Immigration, Stuart Ison, Director, Transition, and Philippa Rouse, Director, Future Border and Immigration System Directorate, Home Office, UK Government.
3. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Negotiation of the future relationship between the European Union and the UK Government (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Herbert, on europe@parliament.scot.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee

10 December 2020

27th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

For information on the future work of the committee, please contact Claire Menzies the clerk to the Committee on equalities.humanrights@parliament.scot.

Social Security Committee

10 December 2020

26th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in a virtual meeting and will be broadcast on scottishparliament.tv

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3, and future briefings on the impact of Brexit on Scottish social security, in private.
2. **The Social Security Response to Covid:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Scottish Government;
David Wallace, Chief Executive, Social Security Scotland;
Dawn Abell, Head of the Scottish Child Payment and Reserved Benefits Unit, and
Callum Smith, Reserved and Working Age Benefits Team Leader, Scottish Government.

3. **The Social Security Response to Covid:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 17 December the Committee expects to consider the following instruments: The Scottish Child Payment Amendment Regulations 2021 (affirmative); the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions, Procedure and Composition) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2020 (affirmative); The Carer's Allowance Supplement and Young Carer Grants (Residence Requirements and Procedural Provisions) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (affirmative); The Social Security Coordination (Consequential Amendments) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (negative). For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

10 December 2020

24th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland:** The Committee will take oral evidence from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland on her annual report—
Caroline Anderson, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland;
Ian Bruce, Public Appointments Manager, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
3. **Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Resilience of the Scottish Parliament's practices and procedures (in private):** The Committee will consider a note by the clerk.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, 17 December, the Committee expects to consider the Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill at Stage 2. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katy Orr, at SPPACcommittee@parliament.scot.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

10 December 2020

29th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Gail Ross will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
3. **Section 22 report - The 2019/20 audit of NHS Tayside:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Fiona Mitchell-Knight, Audit Director, Audit Services, and Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.
4. **Section 22 report - The 2019/20 audit of Social Security Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark Taylor, Audit Director, and Carole Grant, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Services, Audit Scotland.
5. **Section 22 report - The 2019/20 audit of Social Security Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 4 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Mark Taylor, Audit Director, and Carole Grant, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Services, Audit Scotland.

6. **Section 22 report - The 2019/20 audit of NHS Tayside:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Fiona Mitchell-Knight, Audit Director, Audit Services, and Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee Lucy Scharbert at papls.committee@parliament.scot

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Motions

Motions and amendments are usually printed the day after lodging. When an amendment is lodged, then the original motion will be republished alongside it.

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
- *...* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

Questions regarding this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk.

Motions for Debate

***[S5M-23648](#) Graeme Dey: Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill.

Supported by: Michael Russell*

***[S5M-23646](#) Jeane Freeman: Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

Supported by: Clare Haughey*, Joe FitzPatrick*

***[S5M-23631](#) Kate Forbes: Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

[S5M-23629](#) Jamie Greene: Responding to Parliamentary Will and Calls for Clarity in Education—That the Parliament notes the outcome of the debate on motion S5M-23385 (Safe Schools) on 18 November 2020 and reasserts its support for this; expresses disappointment that the Scottish Government has not presented proposals in response to the motion; calls on it to deliver at least 2,000 additional full-time teachers to fill the vacancy shortfall and to bring forward proposals to provide free school lunches and breakfasts for all primary pupils, to take effect from the start of the next financial year, and further calls on it to make a decisive and final decision regarding the 2021 Higher exam diet and to provide further support, before the Christmas holidays, to teachers, headteachers and local authorities by providing comprehensive guidance on the processes of assessment, moderation and appeals of all Higher level and National 5 awards.

Supported by: Michelle Ballantyne*

***[S5M-23629.3](#) John Swinney: Responding to Parliamentary Will and Calls for Clarity in Education**—As an amendment to motion S5M-23629 in the name of Jamie Greene (Responding to Parliamentary Will and Calls for Clarity in Education), leave out from "outcome" to end and

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insert “announcements that National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher exams will be replaced by alternative certification models, and acknowledges that measures to address teacher workload, including additional financial support, will be put in place for those teachers and lecturers helping enable the certification to take place.”

Supported by: Maree Todd*, Richard Lochhead*

***S5M-23629.2 Iain Gray: Responding to Parliamentary Will and Calls for Clarity in**

Education—As an amendment to motion S5M-23629 in the name of Jamie Greene (Responding to Parliamentary Will and Calls for Clarity in Education), insert at end ", and notes that the Scottish Government must also instruct the SQA to publish any moderation methodology that will be used in the grading of awards in 2021, in full and in advance of assessment."

***S5M-23629.1 Beatrice Wishart: Responding to Parliamentary Will and Calls for Clarity in**

Education—As an amendment to motion S5M-23629 in the name of Jamie Greene (Responding to Parliamentary Will and Calls for Clarity in Education), insert at end "notes the cancellation of the 2021 exam diet and further calls on the Scottish Government, Education Scotland and the SQA to ensure that teachers and pupils have all the detail and guidance they need in time for the new term at the very latest; recalls that the OECD's work has been expanded to have a deeper focus on the future of assessment and qualifications in the senior phase, and calls on the Scottish Government to formally request that the OECD provides an interim report on the review of Curriculum for Excellence prior to the 2021 election to inform that debate."

S5M-23622 Maurice Golden: Economy—That the Parliament notes that too many businesses affected by the pandemic restrictions have been unable to access support grants; calls for the Scottish Government to undertake a rapid review into grant eligibility with a view to ensuring that businesses can access the support that they need over the winter; further calls on the Scottish Government to provide certainty for businesses next year by committing to extending the non-domestic rates poundage freeze and the rates relief for hospitality, leisure and retail businesses into 2021-22, and calls on it to establish a coronavirus business advisory council.

***S5M-23622.3 Jamie Hepburn: Economy**—As an amendment to motion S5M-23622 in the name of Maurice Golden (Economy), leave out from "too many businesses" to end and insert "many businesses affected by the pandemic restrictions have been able to access Scottish Government support grants totalling more than £2.3 billion, including the Strategic Framework Business Fund, and welcomes the additional financial support that will be made available through the £15 million second phase of the Newly Self-employed Hardship Fund and the £30 million Local Authority Discretionary Fund; welcomes the use of Barnett consequential to provide this support for businesses and jobs, alongside other forms of support from the UK Government such as the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme; recognises that the Scottish Government will continue to review and refine the COVID grant offer, within available resources, with a view to ensuring that businesses can access the support that they need over the winter and notes that the Cabinet Secretary for Finance will set out how additional funding will support businesses and their employees; welcomes the repayment of rates relief by supermarkets and calls for other businesses who can do so to follow this example and for this resource to be allocated to the devolved governments to enable the provision of further support for businesses and their workforces; understands the need for workers to be supported through the current period and commends the Coronavirus (COVID-19): fair work statement, which has been jointly endorsed by the Scottish Government, STUC, COSLA, SCVO, IoD Scotland and SCDI to employers; recognises that the Scottish Government will only be able to deliver the certainty sought by Scottish businesses in terms of extending rates relief for hospitality, leisure and retail

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businesses into 2021-22 with consequential funding from an equivalent investment by the UK Government due to the lack of fiscal powers and flexibilities devolved to the Scottish Parliament, and endorses the Finance and Constitution Committee's unanimously-agreed pre-budget scrutiny report, which recommends that the Treasury should consider providing the devolved governments with greater access to borrowing in emergency situations, such as the current crisis, to allow them to tailor their own spend and policy response to the pandemic and economic recovery."

Supported by: Ivan McKee*, Ben Macpherson*, Fiona Hyslop*, Kate Forbes*

***S5M-23622.2 Alex Rowley: Economy**—As an amendment to motion S5M-23622 in the name of Maurice Golden (Economy), leave out from ", and calls on" to end and insert "; welcomes the repayment to date of business rates relief from larger retailers that have seen an increase in their sales over the course of the pandemic and calls on the Scottish Government to encourage these practices from other retailers that have not required the same level of rates relief as other businesses; recognises that, for the economy to recover effectively from this crisis, the Scottish Government must invest money back into small businesses, hospitality and town centres and prioritise the regeneration of the high street, and calls on it to establish a coronavirus business advisory council and produce an industrial strategy to ensure businesses are adequately supported."

***S5M-23622.1 Willie Rennie: Economy**—As an amendment to motion S5M-23622 in the name of Maurice Golden (Economy), leave out from "undertake a rapid review" to end and insert "initiate new support packages for more business sectors; notes that millions of people across the UK are still left out of government support; believes that the chaos of Brexit and the behaviour of UK Government ministers threatens the future prosperity of businesses, and further believes that the chaos of an independence referendum would further harm business prospects, distract from economic and social recovery and repeat the same mistakes as Brexit."

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S5M-23647 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 3 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the Stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 4: 40 minutes

Groups 5 to 7: 1 hour 10 minutes.

***S5M-23645 Angela Constance: EnvironMentalHealth CIC**—That the Parliament congratulates the Livingston-based EnvironMentalHealth CIC on receiving £10,000 in lottery funding to deliver mental health first aid sessions to 60 people who will then act as mental health volunteers in the community, and wishes everyone involved with the group every success for the future.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Monica Lennon*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*

***S5M-23644 Angela Constance: Carers of West Lothian**—That the Parliament congratulates Carers of West Lothian on being awarded £5,106 in lottery funding to conduct research on the

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impact of COVID-19 on unpaid carers, particularly the impact of the virus on carers from BAME backgrounds, and to establish what type of support they would benefit from West Lothian communities; acknowledges the pressure on families who are at higher risk and coping alone, and commends the efforts of everyone at Carers of West Lothian for their additional support to families in need during a very challenging year.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Monica Lennon*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*

***S5M-23643 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Meeting Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 3.00pm to 4.00pm on Tuesday 15 December 2020 for the purpose of taking evidence from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, in relation to the future relationship negotiations between the European Union and the UK Government.

***S5M-23642 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Civil and Family Justice (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

***S5M-23641 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/392) be approved.

***S5M-23640 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/389) be approved.

***S5M-23639 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 5 February 2021.

***S5M-23638 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 15 December 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: Managing Scotland's Fisheries in the Future

followed by Stage 1 debate: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

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6.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 16 December 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 17 December 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

followed by Ministerial Statement: Supporting EU, EEA and Swiss Citizens to Stay in Scotland

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 22 December 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

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12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

followed by Stage 3: Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.35 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 14 December 2020, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

***S5M-23637 Maureen Watt: C Fine's Electric Cargo Bike**—That the Parliament notes the recent acquisition of an electric cargo bike, an Ebike, by the Aberdeen-based charity and food bank, C Fine; understands that the Ebike was purchased due to a generous £13,000 donation from Aberdeen Harbour Board, which has enabled C Fine volunteers to deliver 1,250 additional emergency food parcels to vulnerable individuals and families across the city, including in Torry, Cove and Kincorth; notes that, since the beginning of the pandemic, C Fine has recorded a tripling of demand for emergency food and, since March, has delivered over 52,000 emergency parcels to those in need; commends the generosity of Aberdeen Harbour Board and the hard work of C Fine's staff and volunteers, and wishes both organisations every success in the future.

***S5M-23636 Alexander Stewart: UK National Workplace Day of Remembrance**—That the Parliament acknowledges that 12 December marks the UK National Workplace Day of Remembrance; notes that the day was established in 2019 and is planned to be marked on the same date annually; understands that this is a time to remember everyone who have lost their lives at work, whatever their job, occupation or vocation, at whatever level and in whatever industry, and to recognise their service and sacrifice to the economy; believes that it is important for all to demonstrate collective respect by briefly ceasing work and observing a minute's silence at noon, and considers it appropriate that workplaces that possess the Union Flag should fly these at half-mast for the day.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Liam Kerr*, Bill Kidd*, Murdo Fraser*, Jamie Greene*, Brian Whittle*, Margaret Mitchell*

***S5M-23635 Keith Brown: Stirling Station Wins National Railway Heritage Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Scotland's Railway on winning the London Underground Operational Enhancement Award at the National Railway Heritage Awards for work carried out at Stirling Station; understands that these awards are dedicated to encouraging and rewarding best practice in the restoration and continued upkeep of railway and tramway buildings and structures; notes that Stirling Station's historic lattice footbridge had to be raised to provide clearance for newly installed electrified wires; further notes that the original 28-tonne heritage structure was carefully removed in August 2018 and underwent significant refurbishment before being reinstalled in May 2019, along with a new lift following a £4 million refurbishment project as part of the wider project

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to electrify the Stirling-Dunblane-Alloa route; recognises that, since the Stirling to Alloa railway line opened in 2008, both Transport Scotland and Network Rail worked to find a solution to improve accessibility for passengers using the service; appreciates that all platforms of Stirling Station can now be accessed in a step-free way, which has made a real difference to passengers with limited mobility travelling from Dunblane, Bridge of Allan and Alloa to Stirling and beyond, and considers that this has helped to make Scotland's rail network more accessible to everyone in the community.

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*, Richard Lyle*, Alexander Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Sandra White*, Bill Kidd*, Murdo Fraser*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*

***S5M-23634 Mark McDonald: Talkable Offers a Friendly Chat to Support Those in Need**—That the Parliament applauds the Northfield resident, Chelsea Birkitt, on the launch of "Talkable"; understands that the volunteer-run telephone service offers a friendly voice to individuals experiencing anxiety and panic attacks; notes that the group of five volunteers are available from 6.00 am to midnight every day, and hope to expand their service to offer 24-hour support with more volunteers signing up; recognises that the call handlers are not offering treatment but a sympathetic ear for a person in their time of need; respects that all calls are confidential, and wishes Chelsea and her team continued success in this new venture.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Bruce Crawford*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Richard Lyle*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

***S5M-23632 Rona Mackay: Twechar Seniors' Christmas Meal**—That the Parliament commends the actions of Twechar Healthy Living and Enterprise Centre in reaching out to local seniors with a Christmas meal delivery; understands that 70 hot meals will be provided on 22 December 2020; pays tribute to the commitment of the café team and drivers in giving their time and skills to enable this; praises the coordinated efforts of local people in supporting seniors at a time when their clubs are unable to meet, and sends its best wishes to everyone involved in preparing, delivering and enjoying the meal.

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*, Richard Lyle*, Sandra White*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S5M-23630 Rona Mackay: Kirkintilloch Town Centre Rainbow (lodged on 07 December 2020)

New Support: David Torrance*, Sandra White*, Stewart Stevenson*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*, Richard Lyle*, Bill Kidd*, Fulton MacGregor*

S5M-23628 Christine Grahame: Citizens Advice Scotland Helps More People (lodged on 07 December 2020)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Pauline McNeill*, Bill Kidd*, Sandra White*, Liam McArthur*, Stuart McMillan*, Kenneth Gibson*, Richard Lyle*, James Kelly*, John Mason*, Mark McDonald*, Fulton MacGregor*

S5M-23627 Alexander Stewart: NHS Forth Valley Team's 10km Run Exceeds Target for Alloa Charity (lodged on 07 December 2020)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Brian Whittle*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Peter Chapman*, Jamie Greene*, Bill Kidd*

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[S5M-23626](#) Linda Fabiani: East Kilbride's Fiona Rogers Becomes a Member of Scottish Disability Sport's Young Persons' Sport Panel (lodged on 07 December 2020)

New Support: David Torrance*, Sandra White*, Pauline McNeill*, Monica Lennon*, Stewart Stevenson*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*, Richard Lyle*, Bill Kidd*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-23625](#) Alexander Burnett: Cheryl Dester Raises over £2,000 for The Leanne Fund (lodged on 07 December 2020)

New Support: Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Richard Lyle*

[S5M-23624](#) Stuart McMillan: Youth Connections Celebrates £25,000 Cash Boost (lodged on 07 December 2020)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kenneth Gibson*, Rona Mackay*, David Torrance*, Sandra White*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-23623](#) Stuart McMillan: Top Award for Inverclyde's Watt Institution (lodged on 07 December 2020)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Annabelle Ewing*, Richard Lyle*

[S5M-23621](#) Donald Cameron: Annie Maclean, Queen's Nurse (lodged on 07 December 2020)

New Support: Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Gordon Lindhurst*

[S5M-23620](#) Stuart McMillan: Barnardo's Inverclyde Nurture Services (lodged on 07 December 2020)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Annabelle Ewing*, Richard Lyle*

[S5M-23619](#) Alasdair Allan: Uist Virtual Archaeology Project (lodged on 07 December 2020)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Annabelle Ewing*, Emma Harper*, Pauline McNeill*, Richard Lyle*

[S5M-23618](#) Jeremy Balfour: Stories of Hope Report, Scottish Churches Provide Support in Lockdown (lodged on 07 December 2020)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Stewart Stevenson*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Michelle Ballantyne*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S5M-23617](#) Angela Constance: West Lothian College Wins National Award for Virtual Open Day (lodged on 07 December 2020)

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Neil Findlay*, Jeremy Balfour*, Richard Lyle*, Bill Kidd*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-23616](#) Angela Constance: West Lothian College Students in Regional Finals (lodged on 07 December 2020)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson*, Richard Lyle*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S5M-23615](#) Neil Findlay: West Lothian College Staff Recognised at National Awards (lodged on 07 December 2020)

New Support: Sarah Boyack*

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[S5M-23611](#) Monica Lennon: BMA Campaign on the Provision of Period Products for NHS Staff (lodged on 07 December 2020)

New Support: Sarah Boyack*, Alex Rowley*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S5M-23605](#) Liam McArthur: Stromness Golf Club Secures Lottery Funding (lodged on 04 December 2020)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S5M-23594](#) Peter Chapman: Friends of Stonehaven Open Air Pool (lodged on 03 December 2020)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-23593](#) Murdo Fraser: Shop Local and Independent Initiative (lodged on 03 December 2020)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-23586](#) Murdo Fraser: A Family-friendly Parliament (lodged on 03 December 2020)

New Support: Sandra White*, Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-23584](#) Alexander Stewart: Small Business Saturday (lodged on 03 December 2020)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-23571](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: North of Scotland Best Nail Technician of the Year 2020 (lodged on 03 December 2020)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-23570](#) Miles Briggs: COVID-19 Vaccine and Patients Receiving Palliative Care (lodged on 02 December 2020)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-23550](#) Christine Grahame: Congratulations to the Trimontium Museum Trust, Melrose (lodged on 01 December 2020)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-23542](#) Liam Kerr: Newton Dee Residents Donate Traybakes to Help Aberdonians in Need (lodged on 01 December 2020)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-23541](#) Jamie Greene: World AIDS Day 2020 (lodged on 01 December 2020)

New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-23539](#) Alison Johnstone: Samaritans' Services During Christmas and New Year (lodged on 01 December 2020)

New Support: Lewis Macdonald*

[S5M-23532](#) Alexander Burnett: Celebrating 25 Years of Deveron Projects (lodged on 01 December 2020)

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New Support: Michelle Ballantyne*

[S5M-23515](#) **Neil Bibby: #MakeAmazonPay** (lodged on 30 November 2020)

New Support: Sarah Boyack*

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Written Questions

Questions in which a member has indicated a declarable interest are marked with an "R".

Government Initiated Questions are initiated by the Scottish Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

Government initiated questions lodged on 08 December 2020

[S5W-33919](#) Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to prioritise the recovery of cancer services that have been impacted by COVID-19.

Written questions lodged on 08 December 2020

[S5W-33874](#) Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government what COVID-19-related business support is available to cattery and kennel businesses, in light of reports that some have been advised that their business does not fall into a category where such support is available.

[S5W-33875](#) Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to businesses that are not required to close by the COVID-19 restrictions but are experiencing financial difficulties because of the impact of the pandemic and the restrictions that are in place elsewhere on the amount of business that they can carry out.

[S5W-33879](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to amend the (a) Trusts (Scotland) Act 1921 and/or (b) common law to broaden the circumstances whereby an executor or trustee can be removed.

[S5W-33880](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government when it will bring forward additional succession law reforms following the Succession (Scotland) Act 2016.

[S5W-33881](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the ability of legislation and common law to allow executors to be removed where they are not carrying out the responsibilities and duties of that role.

[S5W-33882](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has carried out of the prevalence of executors who are considered problematic.

[S5W-33883](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the cost of applying to the Court of Session is prohibitive for most families dealing with executors considered problematic.

[S5W-33884](#) Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to take forward the Scottish Law Commission's 2014 proposals to modernise the powers for removal of executors.

[S5W-33890](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government how many press releases have been issued by or on behalf of the Minister for (a) Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing and (b) Minister for Older People and Equalities since 1 March 2020.

[S5W-33891](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether medical and nursing students who have provided support to frontline staff while still carrying out academic studies during the pandemic will be included in the £500 "thank you" bonus.

[S5W-33892](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether the collection of a puppy or kitten is classed as travel for animal welfare and therefore exempt from COVID-19 travel regulations.

[S5W-33893](#) Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether any of the COVID-19 legislation in place has repealed section 28 of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.

[S5W-33894](#) Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether people employed in the funeral sector who are required to enter domestic properties, care homes

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and other environments that might see them exposed to the COVID-19 virus should be prioritised for access to vaccinations, and by what date it expects all such employees to be (a) offered a vaccine and (b) vaccinated.

S5W-33896 Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government whether the SQA will publish any moderation methodology that will be used for the 2021 assessment process before pupils take part in it.

S5W-33898 Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Children's Commissioner will provide oversight of the review of the appeals system to ensure that the rights of young people are upheld.

S5W-33899 Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that the SQA will offer clear insight regarding how it awards grades and the equity of its processes.

S5W-33900 Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government by what date it will advise pupils, teachers, parents and school staff regarding whether exams will go ahead in 2021.

S5W-33901 Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government what criteria it will use to determine whether the 2021 exam diet will go ahead.

S5W-33902 Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has made of the impact of pupils self-isolating on the fairness of assessments in 2021.

S5W-33903 Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that pupils (a) who have had to self-isolate and (b) whose teachers have had to self-isolate are not disadvantaged by the 2021 assessment process.

S5W-33904 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to concerns that betting shops were not added to the specific categories of businesses entitled to COVID-19-related economic support, in light of other business types being specified, and for what reasons it made this decision.

S5W-33905 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government whether some betting shops have been excluded from receiving COVID-19 (a) rates relief and (b) small business grants and, if so, (a) for what reason and (b) what funding support it will make available to such businesses.

S5W-33907 Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government whether the COVID-19 vaccine will be brought to NHS and social care staff at the hospitals and locations at which they work, or whether they will be required to make their own arrangements to travel to locations where the vaccine is being stored and administered.

S5W-33908 Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) NHS and (b) social care staff in total will be vaccinated as part of the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

S5W-33909 Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) (i) NHS and (ii) social care staff and (b) care home residents will be vaccinated with the initial 65,500 doses of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

S5W-33910 Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government whether prioritisation for the COVID-19 vaccine will be given to different types of (a) NHS and (b) social care staff depending on which area of the service they work within.

S5W-33911 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what advice and guidance it has provided to hospices regarding visiting arrangements under the COVID-19 restrictions.

S5W-33912 Gordon MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has allocated to each local authority to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

S5W-33913 Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government whether funeral directors and crematorium staff will be part of the second phase of key workers receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

S5W-33914 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding the number of mobile telephone calls that have been made by prisoners to (a) Samaritans, (b) Breathing Space and (c) other mental health helplines in each month since April 2020, broken down by prison.

[S5W-33915 Rhoda Grant:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many virtual prison visits there have been each month since January 2020, broken down by prison.

[S5W-33916 Alex Cole-Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government on what date work with Public Health Scotland to establish the protocols that will provide more timely data on possible suicides will conclude; what data it expects this to provide and with what frequency; whether it will include data covering the period since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, and whether this additional data will routinely be made public at the same time that it is made available to local services.

[S5W-33917 Annie Wells:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the legislation that guarantees an extra year's childcare funding for all parents who defer their child's school start will be implemented across all of Scotland.

[S5W-33918 Alex Cole-Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what paperwork will be provided to people who are given a COVID-19 vaccine to confirm that they have received it.

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Progress of Legislation

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For each Bill, the date of the next (or most recent) event in the Bill's passage is given. Other relevant information, e.g. about lodging amendments, is given in italics.

As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 4.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, when the deadline is 12 noon.

A Hybrid Bill is subject to the same rules except in the case of Stage 2 where amendments for consideration may be lodged no earlier than the completion of any consideration of evidence at Stage 2.

Amendments to Private Bills are subject to different deadlines. These are set out in Rule 9A.12 of Standing Orders.

Members are advised to lodge amendments in good time before the beginning of a Stage and as early as possible during the day.

(G) = Government Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill; (H) = Hybrid Bill.

Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 report (Justice Committee), 13 November 2020

Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Justice Committee), 26 January 2021

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 20 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 30 September 2020

Lead committee - Education and Skills

Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 9 December 2020

Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 3 November 2020

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European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government and Communities)), 9 December 2020

Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 1 June 2020

Lead Committee – Local Government and Communities

Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 debate, 10 December 2020

Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice)), 8 December 2020

Stage 1 debate, 15 December 2020

Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 3 December 2020

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health and Sport)), 10 November 2020

Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 24 November 2020

Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 report (Justice Committee), 13 November 2020

Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill (C)

Stage 1 completed, 12 November 2020

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 2 completed, 17 November 2020

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Education and Skills)), 8 December 2020

Stage 1 debate, 17 December 2020

Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill (G)

Stage 1 debate 10 December 2020

Subject to the Parliament agreeing the general principles of the Bill:

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Stage 2 amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Monday 14 December 2020 with the clerks in the Legislation Team

Stage 2 proceedings (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee), 17 December 2020

Stage 3 amendments cannot be lodged until Stage 2 proceedings is complete

Stage 3 amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Monday 21 December 2020 with the clerks in the Legislation Team

Stage 3 proceedings (meeting of the whole Parliament), 23 December 2020

Amendments should be lodged with the Legislation Team (LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill (C)

Stage 2 completed, 3 December 2020

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill (C)

Introduced, 13 November 2020

Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill (P)

Passed, 3 December 2020

Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 completed, 26 November 2020

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 29 April 2020

Lead committee – Local Government and Communities

UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 25 November 2020

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 8 December 2020

UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 21 March 2018

Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court has ruled that some provisions of the Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities and Human Rights)), 10 December 2020

University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health and Sport)), 8 December 2020

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 1 June 2020

Lead committee – Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/31313.aspx>

Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill LCM-S5-34

Lodged on 26 February 2020

Lead committee – Justice

Meeting of the Parliament, 24 March 2020

Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill LCM-S5-48

Lodged on 4 December 2020

Domestic Abuse Bill LCM-S5-35

Lodged on 16 March 2020

Justice Committee, 2 June 2020

Meeting of the Parliament, 17 June 2020

Environment Bill LCM-S5-39

Lodged on 27 May 2020

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 29 September 2020

Meeting of the Parliament, 12 November 2020

Fisheries Bill LCM-S5-41

Lodged on 15 June 2020

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee Report, 24 August 2020

Meeting of the Parliament, 9 September 2020

Medicines and Medical Devices Bill LCM-S5-43

Lodged on 18 August 2020

Health and Sport Committee report published, 29 October 2020

Meeting of the Parliament, 12 November 2020

Medicines and Medical Devices Bill Supplementary LCM-S5-43a

Lodged on 19 October 2020

Health and Sport Committee report published, 29 October 2020

Meeting of the Parliament, 12 November 2020

Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill LCM-S5-37

Lodged on 30 March 2020
Justice Committee, 2 June 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 17 June 2020

Sentencing Bill LCM-S5-45

Lodged on 22 September 2020
Justice Committee, 29 September 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 29 September 2020

Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill LCM-S5-46

Lodged on 24 September 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 30 September 2020

Trade Bill LCM-S5-44

Lodged on 18 August 2020
Finance and Constitution Committee, 6 and 7 October 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 8 October 2020

United Kingdom Internal Market Bill LCM-S5-47

Lodged on 28 September 2020
Finance and Constitution Committee, 6 and 7 October 2020
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 6 October 2020
Meeting of the Parliament, 7 October 2020

Subordinate Legislation (*date of laying*) (lead committee)

Made affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 17 December 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Local Levels\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/389\)](#) (20 November 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Subject to approval by 21 December 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Local Levels\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 4\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/392\)](#) (24 November 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Subject to approval by 23 December 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Local Levels\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 5\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/400\)](#) (24 November 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

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[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 24\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/404\)](#) (30 November 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval by 15 January 2020

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Local Levels\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 6\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/415\)](#) (3 December 2020) (COVID-19 Committee)

Affirmative instruments

Lead committee approval by 6 December 2020

[Civil and Family Justice \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (28 October 2020) (Justice Committee)

Lead committee approval by 12 December 2020

[Island Communities Impact Assessments \(Publication and Review of Decisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (3 November 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Lead committee approval by 13 December 2020

[Public Procurement etc. \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (4 November 2020 re-laid 18 November 2020) (Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee)

Lead committee approval by 14 December 2020

[Common Agricultural Policy \(Less Favoured Area Support\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (5 November 2020 re-laid 18 November 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

[Direct Payments to Farmers \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (5 November 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Lead committee approval by 18 December 2020

[Feed \(Transfer of Functions\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (9 November 2020 re-laid 18 November) (Health and Sport Committee)

Lead committee approval by 20 December 2020

[Plant Health \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (11 November 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Lead committee approval by 21 December 2020

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[Trade in Animals and Related Products \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (12 November 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

[Carer's Allowance Supplement and Young Carer Grants \(Residence Requirements and Procedural Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (26 November 2020) (Social Security Committee) [Please note: this instrument was originally laid before the Parliament on 12 November 2020 but were subsequently withdrawn on 26 November 2020]

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Allocation of Functions, Procedure and Composition\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (12 November 2020) (Social Security Committee)

Lead committee approval by 22 December 2020

[Cross-border Health Care \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (13 November 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Lead committee approval by 23 December 2020

[Carer's Allowance Supplement and Young Carer Grants \(Residence Requirements and Procedural Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (30 November 2020) (Social Security Committee) [Please note: this instrument was originally laid before the Parliament on 12 November 2020 but were subsequently withdrawn on 26 November 2020]

Lead committee approval by 13 January 2021

[Invasive Non-native Species \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (19 November 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

Lead committee approval by 14 January 2021

[Housing \(Scotland\) Act 1987 \(Tolerable Standard\) \(Extension of Criteria\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (20 November 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

[Housing \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(Modification of the Repairing Standard\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (20 November 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Lead committee approval by 18 January 2021

[Trade in Animals and Related Products \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\) re-laid](#) (24 November 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Lead committee approval by 20 January 2021

[Scottish Child Payment Amendment Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2020/draft) (26 November 2020) (Social Security Committee)

Lead committee approval by 24 January 2021

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[Criminal Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Counter-Terrorism and Border Security\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (30 November 2020) (Justice Committee)

Lead committee approval by 26 January 2021

[Restitution Fund \(Scotland\) Order 2021 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (2 December 2020) (Justice Committee)

[Victims and Witnesses \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Supplementary Provisions\) Order 2021 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (2 December 2020) (Justice Committee)

Lead committee approval by 31 January 2021

[Provision of Early Learning and Childcare \(Specified Children\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (7 December 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 2 December 2020

Lead Committee report due by 30 November 2020

[Waste \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/314\)](#) (9 October 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

[Insolvency \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/337\)](#) (28 October 2020) (Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee)

Subject to annulment 7 December 2020

Lead Committee report due by 7 December 2020

[Criminal Justice \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/339\)](#) (29 October 2020) (Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 8 December 2020

Lead Committee report due by 7 December 2020

[Social Security \(Personal Independence Payment\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/340\)](#) (30 October 2020) (Social Security Committee)

[Water and Sewerage Services Undertaking \(Borrowing\) \(Scotland\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/341\)](#) (30 October 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

Subject to annulment 13 December 2020

Lead Committee report due by 7 December 2020

[Carer's Allowance \(Coronavirus\) \(Breaks in Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/350\)](#) (4 November 2020) (Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment 14 December 2020

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[Common Agricultural Policy \(Simplifications and Improvements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/349\)](#) (5 November 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Subject to annulment 19 December 2020
Lead Committee report due by 14 December 2020

[Regulation of Investigatory Powers \(Prescription of Offices, etc. and Specification of Public Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/361\)](#) (10 November 2020) (Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 20 December 2020
Lead Committee report due by 19 December 2020

[Fisheries \(Technical Conservation Measures\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/367\)](#) (11 November 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

[Agriculture \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/368\)](#) (11 November 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Subject to annulment 21 December 2020
Lead Committee report due by 21 December 2020

[Town and Country Planning \(General Permitted Development\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/366\)](#) (12 November 2020) (Social Security Committee)

[Management of Offenders etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2005 \(Specification of Persons\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/365\)](#) (12 November 2020) (Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment 22 December 2020
Lead Committee report due by 21 December 2020

[Food and Feed \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/372\)](#) (13 November 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

[Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(Fees\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/376\)](#) (13 November 2020) (Education and Skills Committee)

Subject to annulment 13 January 2021
Lead Committee report due by 11 January 2021

[Animal Health and Welfare and Official Controls \(Agriculture\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/380\)](#) (10 November 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

[Valuation Appeal Committee \(Procedure in Civil Penalty Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/382\)](#) (19 November 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

[Genetically Modified Organisms and Pesticides \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/381\)](#) (19 November 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Subject to annulment 14 January 2021
Lead Committee report due by 11 January 2021

[Criminal Justice and Data Protection \(Protocol No. 36\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/386\)](#) (20 November 2020) (Justice Committee)

[Producer Responsibility Obligations \(Packaging Waste\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/387\)](#) (20 November 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

Subject to annulment 18 January 2021
Lead Committee report due by 11 January 2021

[Aquaculture and Fisheries \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/393\)](#) (20 November 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Subject to annulment 19 January 2021
Lead Committee report due by 18 January 2021

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Restriction of Relief and Consequential Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/391\)](#) (25 November 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

[Official Feed and Food Controls \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/398\)](#) (25 November 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 20 January 2021
Lead Committee report due by 18 January 2021

[Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendments etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/399\)](#) (26 November 2020) (Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment 26 January 2021
Lead Committee report due by 25 January 2021

[Enforcement of Fines \(Relevant Penalty\) \(Scotland\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/406\)](#) (2 December 2020) (Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 27 January 2021
Lead Committee report due by 25 January 2021

[Public Health etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2008 \(Notifiable Organisms\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/408\)](#) (3 December 2020) (Health and Sport Committee)

[Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes \(Scotland\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/409\)](#) (3 December 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

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[Conservation of Salmon \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/416\)](#)
(3 December 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

Subject to annulment 28 January 2021
Lead Committee report due by 25 January 2021

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 4\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/413\)](#) (4 December 2020) (Social Security Committee)

[Civil Partnership \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 1 and Interim Recognition of Different Sex Relationships\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/414 \(C. 38\)\)](#) (4 December 2020) (Equalities and Human Rights Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 8 December 2020—

Health and Sport Committee, 21st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 8 December 2020 (SP Paper 880)

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